
Introduced by Senator Hollingsworth

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 5073.5 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1029, as introduced, Hollingsworth. Special interest license plates: sportspersons.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue certain special interest license plates.

This bill would require the department, subject to a statutory procedure, to issue sportspersons' special interest license plates. This bill would prescribe the fees to be paid for the issuance, renewal, retention, transfer, and substitution of the license plates. The bill would require that the additional fees collected for the issuance of those license plates, other than fees for the issuance of environmental license plates, be deposited in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund for expenditure on various projects, other than land acquisition, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 5073.5 is added to the Vehicle Code, to
- 2 read:
- 3 5073.5. (a) The department shall design and make available
- 4 for issuance pursuant to Section 5060 sportspersons' special
- 5 interest license plates that may be issued in a combination of
- 6 numbers or letters, or both, as requested by the applicant for the

1 plate. Any person described in Section 5101, upon payment of
2 the additional fee or fees set forth in subdivision (b), may apply
3 for and be issued a set of these special interest license plates.

4 (b) In addition to the regular fees for an original registration,
5 renewal of registration, or transfer or substitution of the license
6 plates, the following additional fees shall be paid for the
7 issuance, renewal, retention, or transfer of the special interest
8 license plates authorized pursuant to this section:

9 (1) For the original issuance of the license plates, fifty dollars
10 (\$50).

11 (2) For a renewal of registration of the plates, or the retention
12 of the license plates if renewal is not required, forty dollars (\$40).

13 (3) For transfer of the license plates to another vehicle, fifteen
14 dollars (\$15).

15 (4) For each substitute replacement license plate, thirty-five
16 dollars (\$35).

17 (5) In addition, for the issuance of an environmental license
18 plate, as defined in Section 5103, the additional fees prescribed
19 in Sections 5106 and 5108, which shall be deposited in the
20 Environmental License Plate Fund.

21 (c) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of subdivision (b), all
22 fees collected under this section shall, after deduction of the
23 department's costs in administering this section, be deposited into
24 the Fish and Game Preservation Fund, as continued in existence
25 by Section 13000 of the Fish and Game Code. The fees shall be
26 specifically allocated for programs and projects, except land
27 acquisitions, with preference to be given to those programs and
28 projects implemented by volunteer charitable organizations that
29 benefit fisheries and game species, and those programs and
30 projects that facilitate and increase hunting and fishing
31 opportunities and public outreach.